

**MINUTES**  
**REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
Wednesday September 7, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Don Zavala at 10:06 a.m. at the Reedley Community Center, Redwood Room, 100 North East Avenue, Reedley, California.

2. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

A. **Commissioners Present:** Carl Smith, Chairperson (arrived at 10:12 a.m.); Don Zavala, Vice Chairperson; Dolores Edwards; Marie Medcalf; Nina Vaughan, Alternate.

B. **Commissioners Absent:** Unexcused – Marilyn Vose.

C. **Staff Present:** Joel Glick, Director of Community Services; Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.

D. **Others Present:** None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Medcalf that the minutes of June 9, 2016 be approved. The motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Joel Glick – Distributed fliers about Taxi Scrip, Rabobank Fiesta Walk Run, Diaper Derby, Girls Volleyball, Tiny Tots Flag Football, Tumbling, Ballet, Family Health Event, and Leisure Guide. He also explained that a new Jui Jitsu class will be added this fall.

B. Commissioner Zavala – Read two articles from the Fresno Bee having to do with the value of Senior Centers. He indicated that the City of Fresno doesn't have a Senior Center. He is so thankful that Reedley has such an active Center.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator**

- 1) Tickets for the Senior (Citizen) Prom have sold out. Centerpieces are done; volunteers are working on the corsages. Reedley Senior Commission, Inc. is working on getting donations for door prizes. Christina met with the Reedley YMCA Committee and Sierra View Homes to coordinate all the details.
- 2) Bus Trip to Chukchansi Casino on October 21
- 3) On July 18, a Crazy Gardening Hat Contest was held during lunch. Attendees voted; Awards were given; Exponent took pictures.
- 4) An decorated Apron Contest was held for lunchtime servers. The Reedley Exponent took pictures.
- 5) The annual Flu Clinic will be held on October 4 from 3-6 pm.
- 6) Bingo is now being held two times a month. They are playing only

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- 10 games each time.
- 7) Ice Cream Socials are held monthly immediately after lunch. Approximately 30 seniors attend.
  - 8) A new Tai Chi instructor has been secured. Commissioner Zavala found him and put him in contact with Community Services staff. The class will be held on Fridays from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Beginning in October a \$10 monthly fee will be charged.
  - 9) Senior Exercise with an instructor continues on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 am. The exercise video is shown on Fridays.
  - 10) S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) continues with Reedley Police Department speaking during lunches.
  - 11) Dr. Guzman will be back again on September 15 with more medical information.
  - 12) The Resource Faire will be held on October 19 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
  - 13) The Dinuba Senior Center has a new Coordinator, Ceecee. She visited the Reedley Senior Center to find out how ours is run.
  - 14) The City Clerk from Huron visited during a recent training in the Senior Center. She invited Christina to Huron to have her give input on how to improve their Center.
  - 15) The Poinsettia Trip currently has 28 signed up. It will be on November 15. This is a co-sponsored trip with the Reedley Senior Commission, Inc.
  - 16) Diaper Derby will be held on the Friday before Fiesta (October 7). Cash prizes are given. Co-sponsored with Sierra View Homes and Reedley Senior Commission, Inc.
  - 17) A Senior Cookbook is being created. Seniors are asked to donate their favorite recipes. A volunteer will be typing them up, copying and binding them. The suggested price will be \$10 and proceeds will be used to provide future programs for seniors. Christina will advertise for recipes.

**B. Joel Glick, Community Services Director**

- 1) Continuing to move forward with merging the Commission on Aging and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Four terms on the Commission on Aging will be up in March, 2017. His goal is to start the transition after the first of the year. Positions will be appointed by the mayor. Four Commissioners will remain from the Parks and Recreation Commission leaving three more positions open for current Aging Commissioners to fill. If no interest, it will be opened up to the public. In addition, two Youth Representatives will also serve on the new Community Services Commission.
- 2) The Cricket Hollow Boat Launch Facility project has been delayed due to environmental and permitting setbacks. Staff will be asking for an extension.
- 3) A \$680,000 grant was received to turn the old pool property into a neighborhood park. Plans continue.

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- 4) Estimates that the Community Garden in Mueller Park will be completed within a year.
- 5) No location has been selected for a dog park, although this project continues to move forward.

10. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- A. Commissioner Medcalf – Unhappy that Reedley didn't have a Farmer's Market this year. Would like to see this event brought back. Seniors really need and want it.
- B. Commissioner Smith – Military will be replacing all lighting at the Armory with LED's.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

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Carl Smith, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Community Services Director

***Next meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 8:30 am***